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June 2005, Franchise Tax Board Litigation Roster

All currently active cases and those recently closed are listed on the roster. Activity or changes with respect to a case appear in bold-face type. Any new cases will appear in bold-face type.

A list of new cases that have been added to the roster for the month is also provided, as well as a list of cases that have been closed and will be dropped from the next report.

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FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
Closed Cases – June 2005

Case Name

Court Number

Andrew, Delmar L.	Sacramento Superior Court No. 03AS05305
K-Mart Corporation et al.	U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern Dis. of Illinois No. 02-B02474 Adversary Proceeding No. 03-A01420

FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
New Cases – June 2005

Case Name

Court Number

City National Corporation	Los Angeles Superior Court No. BC334772
Hepner, Gershon	Los Angeles Superior Court No. BC334679
Kuhn, David and Elizabeth	Alameda Superior Court No. WG05212795
Square D Company	San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC05-442465
Union Bank of California	San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC05-441957

**FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
MONTHLY REFUND LITIGATION ROSTER**

June 30, 2005

ACKERMAN, PETER & JOANNE v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC296334

Filed - 05/23/03

Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. Div P No. B178750

Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Holly Kendig, Christopher W. Campbell

Brian Wesley

O'Melveny & Myers, LLP

- Issues:
1. Whether plaintiffs are entitled to a refund of taxes similar to that allowed by the Internal Revenue Service as the result of the settlement of a lawsuit against them for misappropriating the income of various partnerships.
 2. Whether plaintiffs filed timely claims for refund with respect to the years 1992 and 1993.
 3. Whether plaintiffs timely filed the suit for refund.

Years: 1992 and 1993

Amount \$4,912,037.26

Status: **Defendant/Respondent's Brief filed on June 13, 2005.**

AMERICAN GENERAL REALTY INVESTMENT CORP., INC. v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC03425690

Filed - 10/23/03

Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Roy E. Crawford, Robert J. Waldow

David Lew

Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, LLP

- Issues:
1. Whether dividends received from insurance subsidiaries are, as a matter of law and fact, nonbusiness income.
 2. Whether section 24344(b) controls the allocation of interest expense.
 3. Whether section 24425 was properly applied to allocate expenses to insurance company dividends.
 4. Whether the insurance subsidiaries constitute a separate unitary business of the taxpayer.
 5. Whether the increase in the income assigned to California fairly reflects the taxpayer's business in this state.

Year: 1991

Amount \$2,824,983.00

Status: **Plaintiff's Notice of Motion and Motion for Reasonable Litigation Costs, Including Attorneys' Fees filed June 28, 2005.**

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC334772

Taxpayer's Counsel

Kenneth R. Chiate, Mary S. Thomas

Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges, LLP

Sherrill Johnson

Offices of the General Counsel City National Bank

Filed – 06/10/05

FTB's Counsel

Donald R. Currier

- Issues:**
- 1. Whether Plaintiff improperly engaged in tax shelter transaction involving Regulated Investment Trusts (REITs) and Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) during the subject years.**
 - 2. Whether certain subsidiaries were exempt from California taxation as IRC 501(c)(15) entities.**
 - 3. Whether Plaintiff has satisfied the requirement of exhausting all administrative remedies in order to maintain a lawsuit.**

Years: 1999 through 2003

Amount \$84,676,129.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed on June 10, 2005, and served personally on FTB on June 15, 2005.

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE, CO. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 03AS00707

Taxpayer's Counsel

Eric J. Coffill, Carley A. Roberts

Morrison & Foerster, LLP

Filed - 02/07/03

FTB's Counsel

Steven J. Green

- Issues:**
- 1. Whether the sales factor was properly calculated by excluding proceeds from short-term financial instruments and value added taxes assessed by foreign countries.**
 - 2. Whether the property factor needs to be adjusted to value property at its appreciated value to fairly reflect its activities in California.**

Years: 1974-1982, 1984-1987, 1989-1991

Amount \$2,912,696.00

Status: Order to Stay Proceeding signed by Judge Virga on November 29, 2004, until a decision is reached in the *General Motors v. FTB* case.

DILTS, WALTER B. JR. AND PHYLLIS A. KAPPELER v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC04436496

Taxpayer's Counsel

R. Todd Luoma

Law Office of Richard Todd Luoma

Filed - 11/19/04

FTB's Counsel

Anne Michelle Burr

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs ceased to be California residents as of December 16, 1994.

Years: 1994 & 1995

Amount \$973,101.00

Status: **Mandatory case management conference rescheduled to October 17, 2005, settlement conference rescheduled to April 20, 2006, trial rescheduled to May 8, 2006.**

EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, et al. v. Franchise Tax Board

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 511821

Filed - 12/20/89

Court of Appeal, 3rd Appellate District, No. 3-CV-C020733

Taxpayer's Counsel

Joanne Garvey, & Teresa Maloney

Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe

FTB's Counsel

Benjamin F. Miller

Issue: Whether defendant's determination as to the methodology for deduction of indirect expenses against taxable investment income was proper.

Years: 1980 through 1985 Amount \$1,137,006.98

Status: Defendant/Respondent's Association of Counsel sent by mail on October 25, 2004.

FREIDBERG, EDWARD & TRACI E. REYNOLDS v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC-02-404182

Filed - 02/06/02

Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate District, No. A106315

Taxpayer's Counsel

John E. Cassinat & Ronald L. Carello

Cassinat Law Corporation

FTB's Counsel

Marguerite Stricklin

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiffs' "horse breeding and racing business expenses" were deductible as business expenses in the years involved.
2. Whether expenses incurred by plaintiffs in horse breeding and racing activities were deductible as business expenses in the years involved.

Years: 1991 through 1994 Amount \$149,696.00

Status **Oral Argument set for July 22, 2005.**

GALASKI, GREGORY JOHN v. Franchise Tax Board

San Diego Superior Court Docket No. IC833950

Filed - 08/09/04

Taxpayer's Counsel

Gregory Galaski, In Pro Per

FTB's Counsel

Gregory S. Price

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff filed claims for refund for each of the years.
2. Assuming claims for refund were filed whether there was an overpayment of tax.

Years: 1999 through 2003 Amount \$13,092.37

Status: Trial Readiness Conference scheduled for July 8, 2005; Trial scheduled August 5, 2005.

GENERAL MILLS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC05-439929

Filed – 03/29/05

Taxpayer's CounselFTB's Counsel

Thomas H. Steele

Marguerite Stricklin

Andres Vallejo, Jeffrey S. Terraciano

Morrison & Foerster LLP

- Issues:
1. Whether the taxpayer's payroll factor was properly computed by excluding foreign employee stock options.
 2. Whether the taxpayer's sales factor was properly calculated by excluding receipts from commodities transactions and short-term financial instruments.
 3. Whether federal RAR adjustments were properly taken into account.

Years: 1992-1997Amount \$3,550,367.00

Status: **Minute Order Regarding Application of Paul H. Frankel to Appear as Counsel Pro Hac Vice [on behalf of Plaintiffs] granted on June 14, 2005.**

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, et al. v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC269404

Filed - 03/06/02

Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District No. B165665

California Supreme Court No. S127086

Taxpayer's CounselFTB's Counsel

Charles R. Ajalat

Stephen Lew, Donald

Law Office of Ajalat, Polley & Ayoob

Currier and Joseph O'Heron

- Issues:
1. Whether gross receipts from the disposition of marketable securities were properly excluded from the sales factor.
 2. Whether interest income was properly characterized as business income.
 3. Whether dividends received with respect to stock representing less than a 50% voting interest were properly classified as business income.
 4. Whether the limitation on deductions prescribed by sections 24402 and 24410 resulted in unconstitutional discriminatory taxation.
 5. Whether various receipts from intangible assets were properly excluded from the sales factor.
 6. Whether research tax credits were properly limited to the entity incurring the expense.
 7. Whether a deduction was properly denied with respect to foreign country taxes withheld on dividends.
 8. Whether the taxpayer is entitled to an increased deduction with respect to depreciation on assets held by foreign country subsidiaries.
 9. Whether the taxes determined to be owing by the Franchise Tax Board were properly computed and assessed.

Years: 1986 through 1988Amount \$10,692,755.00

Status: Plaintiffs/Appellants GM's Extension to file Answer or a Consolidated Answer to multiple Amicus Curiae Briefs granted on May 19, 2005.

HAMEETMAN, FRED AND JOYCE v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC 305968

Taxpayer's Counsel

Eric L. Troff, Esq.

Gibbs, Giden, Locher & Turner, LLP

Filed - 11/12/03

FTB's Counsel

Donald Currier

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs were entitled to a business bad debt reduction.

Years: 1990 & 1993

Amount \$65,738.00

Status: **Hearing; Oral Argument; Trial on Stipulated Facts, Finding in favor of Defendant on June 7, 2005. Plaintiffs' Objection to Court's decision filed on June 29, 2005.**

HEPNER, GERSHON v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC334679

Taxpayer's Counsel

Dennis N. Brager, Kneaver Riggall

Law Offices of Dennis N. Brager

Filed – 06/08/05

FTB's Counsel

Herbert A. Levin

Issue:

1. Whether the taxpayer filed a valid claim for refund when there is an unpaid balance on the account.
2. If the taxpayer filed a valid claim for refund, is the amount refundable limited to the amount paid within one year of the date of the claim?
3. Whether the notice of proposed assessment was timely issued.
4. Whether the penalty for fraud was properly imposed.

Years: 1987

Amount \$22,065.00 Tax
\$23,902.00 Penalty

Status: **Summons and Complaint were served by mail on the Franchise Tax Board on June 24, 2005.**

HYATT, GILBERT P. v. Franchise Tax Board

Clark County Nevada District Court No. A382999

Taxpayer's Counsel

Thomas L. Steffen & Mark A. Hutchison

Hutchison & Steffen, H. Bartow Farr III

Filed - 01/06/98

FTB's Counsel

James W. Bradshaw

McDonald, Carano,

Wilson LLP

Las Vegas, Nevada

Issues:

1. Whether plaintiff was a resident of California from September 26, 1991 through April 2, 1992.
2. Whether the Franchise Tax Board committed various torts with respect to plaintiff and is subject to a claim for damages.
3. Whether the Nevada courts have or should exercise jurisdiction over the Franchise Tax Board.

Years: 1991 and 1992

Amount \$7,545,492.00 Tax
\$5,659,119.00 Penalty

Status: Clark County District Court:

Discovery still proceeding. **Hyatt's Opposition to the FTB's Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, for Partial Summary Judgment re: Statutory Information Privacy Claims, Appendix of Exhibits in Support of Opposition filed on June 3, 2005. FTB's Reply in Support of its Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, for Partial Summary Judgment re: Statutory Information Privacy Claims filed June 13, 2005.**

IDLEMAN, HURBERT AND JOANN v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BS093240

Taxpayer's Counsel

Warren Nemiroff, Esq.

Filed – 10/21/04

FTB's Counsel

Marla K. Markman

Issue: Whether or not the taxpayers are entitled to a refund as a result of federal adjustments to a SubChapter S corporation.

Year: 1995

Amount \$86,458.00

Status: Hearing on Demurrer scheduled for September 1, 2005. Trial scheduled for January 9, 2006.

JIBILIAN, TONY & DOROTHY v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC298685

Filed – 07/09/03

Court of Appeal 2nd Appellate District Court No. B175952

Taxpayer's Counsel

Derek L. Tabone, Esq.

Law Offices of Tabone, APC

FTB's Counsel

Brian Wesley

Elisa Wolfe-Donato

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs have taxable income for the years involved.

Years: 1999-2001

Amount \$208,742.00

Status: **Respondent's Brief filed (under the Court's rule 17(a)(2) notice) on June 27, 2005.**

JIM BEAM BRANDS CO. v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC-02-408203

Filed - 05/21/02

Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate District Court No. A107209

Taxpayer's Counsel

Edwin P. Antolin

Silverstein & Pomerantz, Jordan M. Goodman

Brian L. Browdy, Horwood, Marcus & Berk

FTB's Counsel

George C. Spanos

Issues:

1. Whether the gain realized on the sale of all of the stock of a subsidiary was properly classified as business income.
2. Assuming the gain on the sale of all of the stock was business, whether the FTB properly computed the basis of the stock.

Year: 1987 Amount \$133,042.00

Status: **Joint Request to Continue Oral Argument filed on June 23, 2005. Order filed on June 24, 2005, to continue Oral Argument to September 29, 2005.**

KIM, PAUL M. v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC333465

Taxpayer's Counsel

Yoon Han Kim

Law Offices of Yoon Han Kim & Assoc.

Filed – 05/13/05

FTB's Counsel

Donald R. Currier

Issue: 1. Whether taxpayer had income from payments received as the result of a lawsuit.
2. Whether taxpayer had a loss arising from foreclosure of property.
3. Whether the taxpayer filed a claim for refund.

Years: 1993 Amount \$16,098.46

Status: **Order to Show Cause, Notice to Appear filed by Clerk on June 7, 2005; hearing set for July 12, 2005.**

KUHN, DAVID & ELIZABETH v. Franchise Tax Board

Alameda Superior Court Docket No. WG05212795

Taxpayer's Counsel

David N. Kuhn

Attorney at Law

Filed – 05/13/05

FTB's Counsel

David Lew

Issue: 1. Whether Plaintiffs timely filed claims for refund.
2. Whether estoppel should lie against the Board for failing to notify Plaintiffs of the statute of limitations.

Years: 1994 through 1996 Amount \$18,090.48

Status: **Summons and Complaint was served by mail on the Franchise Tax Board on June 30, 2005.**

LAVINE, ELIZABETH v. Franchise Tax Board

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 04AS03347

Taxpayer's Counsel

Elizabeth Lavine, In Pro Per

Filed - 09/07/04

FTB's Counsel

Amy J. Winn

Issues: 1. Whether the suit for refund was filed timely.
2. Whether Plaintiff was a resident of California in 1999.

Year: 1999 Amount \$4,579.91

Status: Discovery proceeding.

THE LIMITED STORES, INC. AND AFFILIATES v. Franchise Tax Board

Alameda Superior Court Docket No. 837723-0

Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate District Court No. A102915

Taxpayer's Counsel

Edwin P. Antolin

Morrison & Foerster, LLP

Filed - 04/09/01

FTB's Counsel

Joyce Hee

Issues: 1. Whether gross receipts from the sale of short-term financial instruments should be included in the sales factor.
2. Whether gain realized on the sale of a partial interest in a limited partnership formed from three subsidiaries constitutes business income.

Years: 1993 and 1994

Amount \$2,185,718.00

Status: **Oral Argument held on June 15, 2005.**

MARKEN, DONALD W. & CLAUDINE H v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 302520

Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dist. No. A091644

California Supreme Court No. S 104529

Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dis. No. A109715

Taxpayer's Counsel

William E. Taggart, Jr.

Taggart & Hawkins

Filed - 04/05/99

FTB's Counsel

Marguerite Stricklin

Issue: Whether plaintiffs were residents of California in 1993.

Year: 1993

Amount \$244,012.00

Status: **Plaintiffs/Appellants' Designation of Record/Clerk's and Reporter's Transcript filed on May 6, 2005.**

THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES, INC., a New York Corporation v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC 03424737

Filed - 09/24/03

Taxpayer's Counsel

Jeffrey M. Vesely, Richard E. Nielsen & Annie H. Huang

Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Anne Michelle Burr

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff was entitled to use Marked-to-Market accounting allowed under the Internal Revenue Code when those provisions had not been adopted by California.
2. Whether other adjustments made or allowed by the Internal Revenue Service should be allowed by California.

Years: 1993 and 1994

Amount \$606,744.00

Status: Plaintiff's Notice of Appeal filed April 8, 2005.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 400444
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dist. Div. 3 No. A105312
California Supreme Court No. S133343

Filed - 10/19/01

Taxpayer's Counsel

James P. Kleier, Esq.
Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Julian O. Standen

- Issues:
1. Whether the denominator of the receipts factor was properly calculated by excluding receipts from marketable securities.
 2. Whether the limitation on the deduction of dividends provided for in Section 24402 discriminates.
 3. Whether adjustments made to increase the income of controlled foreign corporations included in the combined report were proper.

Year: 1991

Amount \$1,879,809.00

Status: **Microsoft's Petition for Review granted on June 8, 2005, by California Supreme Court.**

MILHOUS, PAUL B. & MARY A. v. Franchise Tax Board

San Diego Superior Court Docket No. GIC772282
Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Dist. Division 1, No. D043058 (Covenant Not to Compete)
Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Dist. Division 1, No. D044362 (Costs/Attorneys' Fees)

Filed - 08/27/01

Taxpayer's Counsel

Kevin P. Duthoy, Esq.
Bewley, Lassleben & Miller, LLP
Paul D. Draper, Esq.
Law Offices of Paul D. Draper

FTB's Counsel

Stephen Lew

Issue: Whether the taxpayers had California source income arising from the execution of a covenant-not-to-compete as part of the sale of plaintiffs' minority interest in a business.

Year: 1993

Amount \$227,246.00

Status: **Case argued and submitted on May 10, 2005.**

MILHOUS, ROBERT E. & GAIL P. v. Franchise Tax Board

San Diego Superior Court Docket No. GIC773381
Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Dist. Division 1, No. D043058 (Covenant Not to Compete)
Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Dist. Division 1, No. D044362 (Costs/Attorneys' Fees)

Filed - 08/27/01

Taxpayer's Counsel

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FTB's Counsel

Stephen Lew

Issue: Whether the taxpayers had California source income arising from the execution of a covenant-not-to-compete as part of the sale of plaintiffs' minority interest in a business.

Year: 1993 Amount \$670,825.00

Status: **Case argued and submitted on May 10, 2005.**

MONTGOMERY WARD LLC v. Franchise Tax Board v. Franchise Tax Board

San Diego Superior Court Docket No. GIC802767

Filed - 12/30/02

Taxpayer's Counsel

Antolin, Pilar M. Sansone, Amy Silverstein
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Gregory Price

Issues: 1. Whether proceeds from the sale, maturity or other disposition of short-term financial instruments were properly excluded from the sales factor.
2. Whether section 24402 Rev. & Tax. Code is constitutional.

Years: 1989 through 1994 Amount \$2,694,192.00

Status: Status Conference held on March 18, 2005, and continued to September 16, 2005.

NEW GAMING SYSTEMS, INC. & AKA INDUSTRIES, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 03AS05705

Filed - 10/10/03

Taxpayer's Counsel

Spencer T. Malysiak
Spencer T. Malysiak Law Corp.

FTB's Counsel

Michael Cornez

Issues: 1. Whether New Gaming Systems, Inc., timely filed its suit for refund for the income year ended March 31, 1996.
2. Whether a declaratory relief action can be brought to prevent the collection of tax.
3. Whether a suit for refund can be maintained for a year in which the amount of tax has not been paid in full.
4. Whether Plaintiffs are liable for California taxes on income generated from leases for operating Indian casinos.

Years: 1996 and 1997 Amount \$90,773.05

Status: **Discovery proceeding.**

NORTHWEST ENERGETIC SERVICES, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC05-437721

Filed - 01/15/05

Taxpayer's Counsel

Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin
Silverstein & Pomerantz

FTB's Counsel

Marguerite Stricklin

Issue: Whether Revenue and Taxation Code section 17942, which imposes a tax upon the "total income from all sources reportable to this state" of LLC registered with the Secretary of State, violates the Due Process Clause and Commerce Clauses.

Years: 12/31/97-12/31/01

Amount \$25,067.00 Tax
\$ 3,764.29 Penalty

Status: **Trial rescheduled to October 24, 2005.**

ORDLOCK, BAYARD M. & LOIS S. v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC278386
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. No. B169465
California Supreme Court No. S127649

Filed - 07/25/02

Taxpayer's Counsel

Clayton Vreeland
Bingham McCutchen LLP

FTB's Counsel

Gregory S. Price

Issue: Whether the tax involved was timely assessed.

Year: 1983

Amount \$12,350.00

Status: **Defendant/Appellant FTB's Reply Brief on the Merits filed May 20, 2005.**

SHAFRAN, ALLEN J. & TOBY v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC 316070

Filed – 05/25/04

Taxpayer's Counsel

W. Patrick O'Keefe, Jr.
W. Patrick O'Keefe, Jr. Incorporated

FTB's Counsel

Anthony F. Sgherzi

Issue: Whether the denial of a deduction for depreciation based upon a federal adjustment was proper.

Year: 1992

Amount \$45,415.00 Tax

Status: Final status conference set for July 25, 2005, and three-day trial to commence on August 8, 2005.

SQUARE D COMPANY v. Franchise Tax Board

San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC05442465

Filed – 06/21/05

Taxpayer's Counsel

Allan L. Schare, Kimberly M. Reeder
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Palo Alto, Ca.

FTB's Counsel

Paul Gifford

Richard A. Hanson
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Chicago, IL

Issue: 1. Whether Palatine Hills Leasing, which invested in leverage lease transactions, was part of the unitary business conducted by Square D Company.
2. Whether the income of Palatine Hills Leasing constituted business income of the unitary business conducted by Square D Company.
3. How the proceeds from the short-term investment of funds should be reflected in the sales factor of the apportionment formula.

Years: 1985 through 1990 **Amount** \$5,635,087.40

Status: Summons and Complaint were filed June 21, 2005, and served personally on the Franchise Tax Board on June 28, 2005.

**STAPLES, MARK A. v. Taxpayer Advocate Bureau, Franchise Tax Board, and
State Board of Equalization**

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No.04AS03598

Filed – 09/03/04

Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Mark A. Staples, In Pro Per

Michael J. Cornez

Issues: 1. Whether the method used by California to compute the tax owed by part-year resident violates various provisions of the United States Constitution.
2. Whether the department's review and disposition of the plaintiff's objections to additional tax were properly handled.

Year: 1998 **Amount** \$1,141.00

Status: Trial to be scheduled sometime in December 2005.

TOY'S "R" US, Inc. & Affiliates v. Franchise Tax Board

Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 01AS04316

Filed - 07/17/01

Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Court No. C045386

Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Eric J. Coffill

Michael J. Cornez

Carley A. Roberts

Morrison & Foerster, LLP

Issue: Whether gross receipts from the sale of short-term financial investment were properly excluded from the documentation of the sales factor.

Years: 1991 through 1994 **Amount** \$5,342,122.00

Status: Plaintiffs/Appellants' Reply Brief filed on August 19, 2004.

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC 05441957
Taxpayer's Counsel
James P. Kleier, Brian Toman, John R. Messenger
Reed Smith, LLP

Filed – 06/06/05
FTB's Counsel
Anne Michelle Burr

Issue:

1. Whether additions to the bad debt reserves of the taxpayer's unitary business were properly calculated.
2. Whether there were losses arising from the exchange of loans for bonds that are deductible as ordinary losses.
3. Whether the water's-edge election fee assessed violated the Commerce Clause of the United State Constitution.

Years: 1991 **Amount** \$15,953,167.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed personally on the FTB on June 7, 2005.

VENTAS FINANCE I, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 05-440001
Taxpayer's Counsel
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

Filed – 04/01/05
FTB's Counsel
Marguerite Stricklin

Issue: Whether Revenue and Taxation Code section 17942, which imposes a tax based upon the "total income from all sources reportable to this state" of LLC registered with the Secretary of State, violates the Due Process Clause and Commerce Clause.

Years: 2001 through 2003 **Amount** \$29,580.00

Status: Answer to Complaint filed June 9, 2005.

YOSHINOYA WEST, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District No. BC274343
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. No. B178751
Taxpayer's Counsel
Dwayne M. Horii,
William C. Choi
Rodriguez, Horii & Choi

Filed - 05/22/02
FTB's Counsel
Donald R. Carrier

Issues:

1. Whether Yoshinoya West, Inc. is involved in a unitary business with its Japanese parent company.
2. Whether application of the standard allocation and apportionment provision of the Revenue and Taxation Code disproportionately taxed Yoshinoya West.

Years: 1986 and 1987 **Amount** \$1,741,534.00

Status: Plaintiff/Appellant's Opening Brief and Appendix filed June 22, 2005.